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To the Office of the General Counsel of the Federal Elections Commission:

I write to file a formal complaint alleging possible violations of federal election and campaign finance laws by Marianne Williamson for Congress that is supporting Ms. Marianne Williamson in her campaign to represent California's 33rd Congressional district.

On Thursday, May 29, Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action (PDLA) at UCLA, which presents itself as a student organization at the University of California, Los Angeles, sponsored an event whose advertising was paid for by Marianne Williamson for Congress. The event, called "Progressive Choices: Marianne Williamson," was being presented by PDLA at UCLA to be held on Thursday, May 29, 2014, in the Global Viewpoint Lounge of UCLA Ackerman and was "Sponsored by Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action UCLA," according to an advertisement "Paid For By Marianne Williamson for Congress" (see Appendix A, Figure 1).

When I arrived at the event around 5:00pm on Thursday evening, I did not see any signage about the Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action UCLA. Instead, I saw a large, oversized campaign poster similar to the one documented behind the candidate at the event in the May 30, 2014, edition of the *UCLA Daily Bruin* (see Appendix A, Figure 2). On the table outside the entrance were Marianne Williamson for Congress t-shirts, campaign buttons and volunteer sign-up sheets. Nowhere did I see any reference at the time to any registered student group at UCLA.

When I introduced myself as a write-in candidate for California's 33rd Congressional district race and asked to speak with an organizer for the event, I was referred not to a student, but to Joe Cicero, chapter president of the Southern California Americans for Democratic Action. When I asked about his affiliation with the Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action at UCLA, he claimed to be an advisor to the organization despite not having a formal UCLA affiliation. When I asked to speak to a student organizer, he introduced me to one several minutes later named Hugh Tra who was wearing a "Marianne Williamson for Congress" t-shirt that is routinely issued by the Marianne Williamson for Congress campaign at political campaign events.

When I walked into the event space, I saw an elaborate fruit, cheese and refreshment display that seemed outside the budget traditionally associated with on-campus, student registered events. Although I did not stay through the candidate's actual discussion, the photograph that appears alongside the *UCLA Daily Bruin's* coverage of the event (see Appendix B) indicates that there was a large, oversized campaign sign on permanent display throughout the event.

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On May 7, 2014, the organization announced on its social media Facebook page that,

(see Appendix A, Figure 5)

We are looking for paid canvassers to help out on a congressional race that cover's *[sic]* UCLA. The pay is \$14 a hour *[sic]* and you can work weekdays or weekends! Shifts are 5 hours long. Please click the link below for more information or email us at admin@pdlabruins.org.

On the same date, May 8, 2014, the Marianne Williamson for Congress campaign announced that it had received the endorsement of the Southern California Americans for Democratic Action, whose above-mentioned president, John Cicero, is quoted in a Marianne Williamson for Congress-generated press release saying,

With so many talented, capable progressives in the race, we wished we could send several of them to Washington. But finally, we think Marianne is the right candidate for these difficult times and will be an outspoken advocate for economic justice. We need a forceful independent advocate who is willing to fight for the 99% as our representative in Congress.

On May 15, 2014, the organization created an event on its social media Facebook page for a “Marianne Williamson Pre-Election Rally with Alanis Morissette” taking place on Monday, May 19, 2014, at the Saban Theatre in Beverly Hills, California, a venue that is not located on the UCLA campus (see Appendix A, Figure 7).

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(UCLA). If this is indeed the case, the Marianne Williamson for Congress campaign has jeopardized the University of California, Los Angeles's tax-exempt status as a not-for-profit institution under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which prohibits such entities from engaging in political campaigns.

I also allege that the Marianne Williamson for Congress campaign has violated the spirit if not the letter of federal election and federal campaign finance laws, and I therefore register a formal complaint with the Federal Elections Commission requesting its Office of the General Counsel to investigate this matter to the fullest extent of the law.

I hereby attest under penalty of perjury that the above complaint is truthful and accurate to the best of my ability, recollection and understanding.

Sincerely,



Theo Milonopoulos

SEE ATTACHED

cc: Marianne Williamson
Marianne Williamson for Congress
11645 Wilshire Boulevard, 602
Los Angeles, CA 90025

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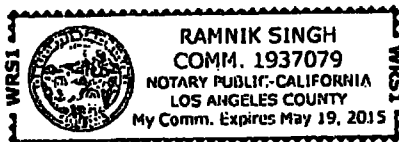
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APPENDIX A

Figure 1 Advertisement for Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action at UCLA Event Paid for by Marianne Williamson for Congress

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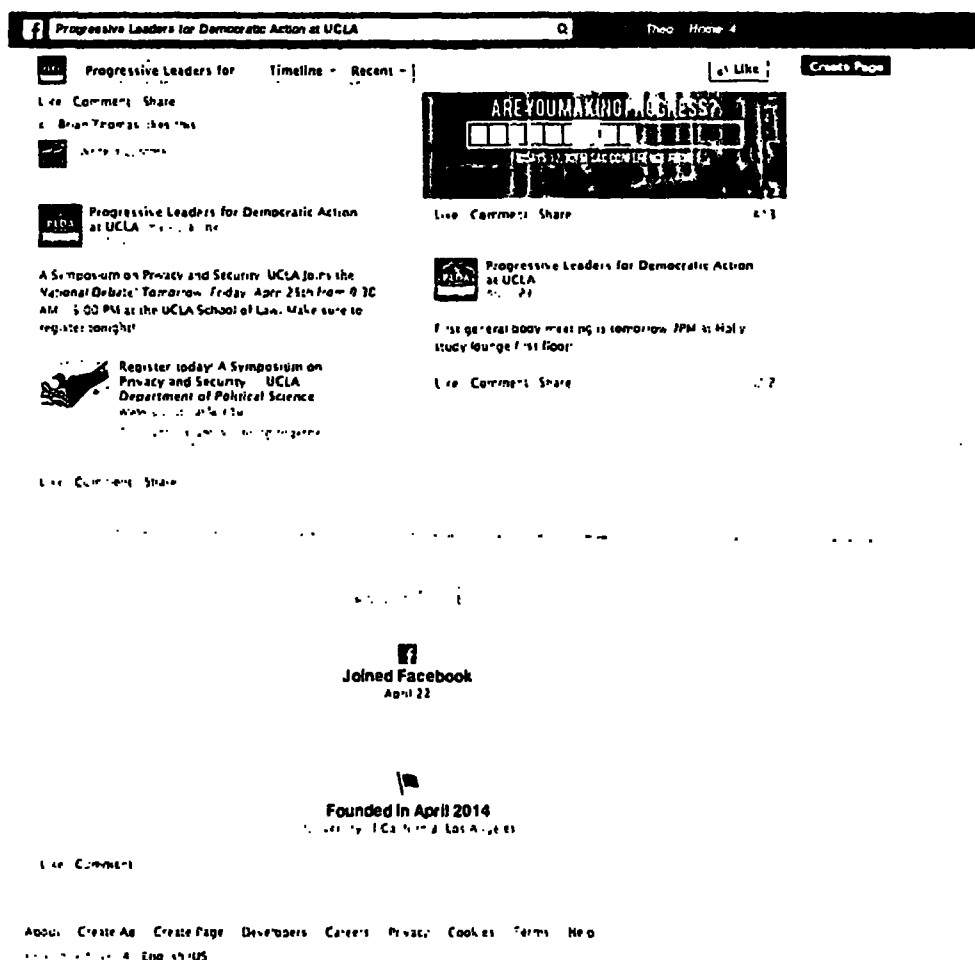
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Figure 2 Photograph of California 33rd Congressional district candidate Marianne Williamson at event sponsored by UCLA student organization Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action at the UCLA Ackerman Global Viewpoint Lounge on Thursday, May 29, 2014.



Figure 3 Screenshot of social media Facebook page of Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action of UCLA taken 30-05-2014 at 08:18:52.



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Figure 4 Screenshot of social media Facebook page of Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action of UCLA taken 30-05-2014 at 08:18:52.

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Register today: A Symposium on Privacy and Security - UCLA Department of Political Science

www.polisci.ucla.edu

The symposium will bring together

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Figure 5 Screenshot of social media Facebook page of Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action of UCLA taken 30-05-2014 at 08:19:27.

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[http://www.plda.org/2014/05/20/paid-canvassing/](#)

Looking for some experience in the campaign arena? The Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action at UCLA are looking for students with Marianne's skills to join our team for the 2014

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Marianne Williamson Pre-Election Rally with Alanis Morissette
Monday, May 19 at 7:30pm
Saban Theatre in Beverly Hills, California
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Look no further for a place to get involved in the political world. Come to the night plant for a 5-hour shift, with Marianne Williamson as our guest speaker. The night plant is on Friday, May 30th, from 6 PM to 11 PM. Sign up now!

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We have a great meeting planned for today! Make sure to come by SAC Conference Room 5 at 12:30!

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The primary elections are coming up on June 3rd! Check out Progressive Leader's primary endorsement list:

Progressive Leader's 2014 Primary Endorsement List

Check out the list of endorsed candidates at: [http://www.plda.org/endorsement](#)

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Figure 8a Screenshot of social media Facebook page of Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action of UCLA taken 30-05-2014 at 08:17:21.



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Figure 8b Photograph downloaded from social media Facebook page of Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action of UCLA on 30-05-2014 at 08:59.



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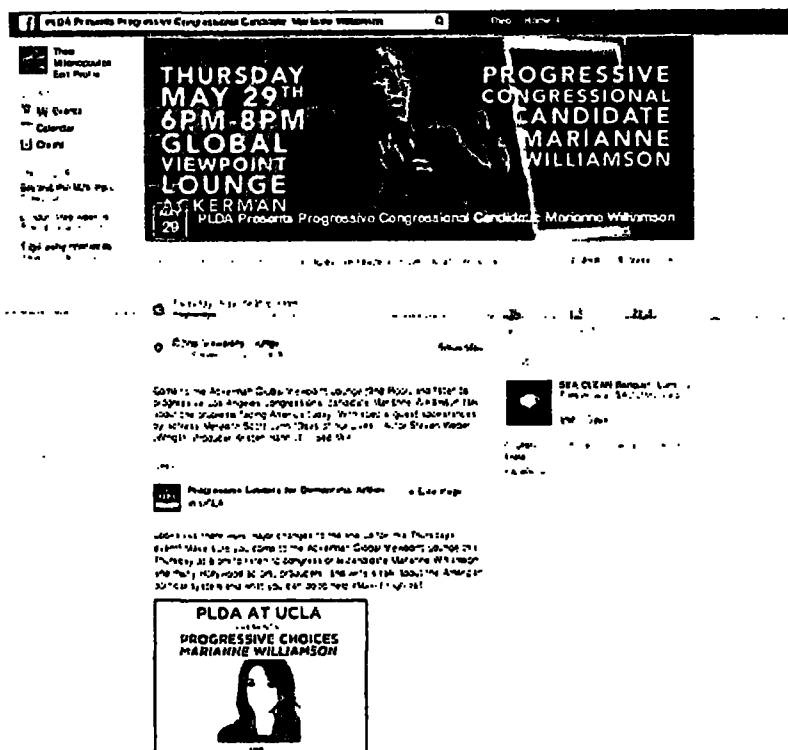
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Figure 10 Screenshot of social media Facebook page of Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action of UCLA taken 30-05-2014 at 08:16:26.

Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action at UCLA

Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action at UCLA shared Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action at UCLA's photo May 27 Edited

Looks like there were major changes to the line up for this Thursdays event! Make sure you come to the Ackerman Global Viewpoint Lounge this Thursday at 6 pm to listen to congressional candidate Marianne Williamson and many Hollywood actors, producers, and writers talk about the American political system and what you can do to help #MakeProgress

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Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action at UCLA May 26

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What War on Women?

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All women killed or disappeared

4,488

All troops killed in Iraq

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American women killed by their husbands or boyfriends, more than the above categories combined

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Figure 11 Screenshot of social media Facebook page of Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action of UCLA taken 31-05-2014 at 12:09:43.

**Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action at UCLA**



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The PLDA aims to promote awareness, education, and political activism of Progressive Students at UCLA. #MakeProgress
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Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action at UCLA shared The Daily Bruin's photo.
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We would like to thank everyone who came out to the event last night! We had a great time and we hope you did too! We can't thank Marianne Williamson, Meredith Scott Lynn, Kristen Hahn, and Steven Weber enough for taking the time to talk to UCLA students about the problems facing America. Remember to cast your vote in the California primaries on June 3rd! #MakeProgress

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Figure 12a Screenshot of website of Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action of UCLA
(http://progressiveleaders.nationbuilder.com) taken 30-05-2014 at 8:20:03.

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Marianne Williamson To Talk At UCLA

PDLA AT UCLA PRESENTS PROGRESSIVE CHOICES MARIANNE WILLIAMSON

THURSDAY MAY 29 | 6PM GLOBAL VIEWPOINT LOUNGE UCLA ACKERMAN

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Here is a snippet of our progressive endorsement list

State of California:

- Lieutenant Governor - Gavin Newsom
- Secretary of State - Derek Cressman
- Controller - Betty Yee
- Treasurer - John Chiang
- Attorney General - Kamala Harris
- Insurance Commissioner - Dave Jones
- Superintendent of Public Instruction - Tom Torlakson

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APPENDIX B

"Candidate Marianne Williamson speaks at Ackerman Thursday," *UCLA Daily Bruin*, 30 May 2014.

APPENDIX C

"Marianne Williamson Wins Endorsement of the SoCal Americans for Democratic Action," *Independent Political Report*, May 6, 2014.

In the news: [Sexual assault at UCLA \(/2014/05/01/ucla-student-groups-combat-college-sexual-assault/\)](#)
[Isla Vista shooting \(/tag/isla-vista-shooting/\)](#) [JazzReggae Festival \(/tag/jazzreggae-festival/\)](#)

Candidate Marianne Williamson speaks at Ackerman Thursday



Marianne Williamson, a candidate running for a House of Representatives seat, spoke about money in politics at an event hosted by Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action. (Jessica Zhou/Daily Bruin)

May 30, 2014 1:55 am

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BY BENJAMIN GENTA ([HTTP://DAILYBRUIN.COM/AUTHOR/CAMAYAK_154/](http://dailybruin.com/author/camayak_154/))

This post was updated at 8:12 p.m.

Marianne Williamson, a candidate for the House of Representatives for the district where UCLA is located, talked about ways she hopes to reform government politics in a speech at UCLA Thursday night.

"Democracy is not working. It's not an expression of the American people," she said. "Money in politics is a cancer that is eating our democracy."

Williamson, who is running for office as an independent because she believes the best ideas come from outside the party system, spoke to students and attendees at Ackerman Global Viewpoint Lounge about how she thinks money has a negative influence on politics.

Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action, which has endorsed Williamson for office, hosted the event because the group thinks she is the most progressive of the 18 candidates running. The student club started this quarter because members felt other groups on campus were not promoting a sufficient amount of progressive ideas, said Hugh Tra, the club's president and a fourth-year history student.

According to its website, Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action supports increasing the minimum wage, taking action to combat climate change and extending the student loans repayment grace period from six to 18 months.

Williamson's speech focused on how she thinks the state of the economy dominates the political sphere. She said she thinks the country needs a constitutional amendment to outlaw the influence of money in politics, since it has become too expensive to run for office for the average American.

Williamson emphasized that she thinks politicians are influenced by corporations, who use lobbyists to influence policy.

"I believe we need a people's movement," Williamson said. "I'm part of the group that wants to disrupt the political status quo."

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For students, Williamson said she thinks that debts that have lasted more than 10 years should be forgiven. If elected, she hopes to institute a plan in which college tuition would be covered for students who commit to one year of public service, including military service.

Williamson said she also wants to reform the prison system and help undocumented individuals obtain legal identification papers. She added that she supports the creation of a Palestinian state.

At the event, write-in candidate Theo Milonopoulos was contacted by security after Joe Cicero, the president of the Southern California chapter of Americans for Democratic Action, called university police on him for being disruptive.

Cicero said Milonopoulos handed out campaign materials during the event.

Milonopoulos said Friday that he questions whether the event was held and funded by the student group or Williamson's campaign.

Cicero, who is also an adviser for the Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action, said the group applied for funding from the Undergraduate Students Association Council for the event and that it was not funded by the campaign.

Milonopoulos said he plans to file a complaint with the Federal Elections Commission to investigate whether the event was a violation of the federal fundraising reporting requirement.

On Friday, Milonopoulos also spoke at Meyerhoff Park about mental health and gun control following the shooting near UC Santa Barbara. He said if he is elected, he wants to overhaul the counseling and psychological services on college campuses.

The primary elections will take place on June 3.

Contributing reports from Emily Liu, Bruin contributor.

Email Genta at bgenta@media.ucla.edu (<mailto:bgenta@media.ucla.edu>).

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- Yes. The UC's divestment from fossil fuel companies reinforces the University's commitment to addressing climate change.
 - No. I support the sentiment behind fossil fuel divestment, but do not think it will be feasible.
 - No, divestment is not an appropriate tool for addressing issues of climate change or sustainability.
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ANNOUNCING

Marianne Williamson Wins Endorsement of the SoCal Americans for Democratic Action



(The following was posted on Williamson's campaign website.)

LOS ANGELES, CA – The Marianne Williamson for Congress campaign announced that Americans for Democratic Action, SoCal chapter has endorsed Marianne Williamson in District 33 after a candidate forum in Venice May 6. ADA is the oldest liberal political lobby in America, co-founded by Eleanor Roosevelt and other progressive leaders in 1947.

The forum was co-sponsored by SoCal ADA and the Venice Action Alliance. Of the eighteen candidates in the race, six attended to answer questions by panelists and community voters on numerous national and local issues.

"I am honored to receive the endorsement of the SoCal chapter of the ADA," Williamson said. "The ADA, founded by Eleanor Roosevelt, John Kenneth Galbraith, Walter Reuther, Arthur Schlesinger, and Reinhold Niebuhr was established to keep the New Deal dream alive. I am running for Congress because that New Deal dream – the American Dream – is on the verge of perishing. We need to revive the dream with a Green New Deal, create the opportunity for every child to have access to pre-school, provide free college in exchange for one year of national service, produce serious legislation on climate change and pass a Constitutional Amendment to outlaw the undue influence of money on our politics. Humanitarian rather than economic values should be society's bottom line," said Williamson

Williamson's endorsement of the SoCal ADA follows on the heels of the endorsements by other progressive Congressmen including Rep. Alan Grayson (D-FL), Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN, co-chair of the Progressive

Caucus in the House of Representatives), former congressman Dennis Kucinich (D-OH), as well as social justice activist Van Jones and environmentalist Ed Begley Jr.

Joe Cicero, SoCal ADA President said, "With so many talented, capable progressives in the race, we wished we could send several of them to Washington. But finally, we think Marianne is the right candidate for these difficult times and will be an outspoken advocate for economic justice. We need a forceful independent advocate who is willing to fight for the 99% as our representative in Congress."

Forum coordinator John Seeley continued, "Winnowing our choice to Ted Lieu, an energetic and savvy legislator we've endorsed before, and Marianne Williamson, a fresh and visionary voice focused on the critical issue of saving democracy from big money, ADA ultimately decided on Marianne. While Ted has many pluses, his recent abandonment of affirmative action – the key to preventing a permanent black and brown underclass – was a deal-breaker."

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22 thoughts on "Marianne Williamson Wins Endorsement of the SoCal Americans for Democratic Action"

Jed Ziggler

May 8, 2014 at 7:22 pm

This is the evil of top-two. Marianne is a strong independent candidate, yet due to limited time to campaign, low turnout from independents in primaries, and a crowded field, voters will likely be forced to choose between two duopoly candidates in November.

Nathan Norman

May 8, 2014 at 7:27 pm

Who is forcing them?

Richard Winger

May 8, 2014 at 9:18 pm

Under the old, ordinary system, Marianne Williamson could have completed a petition and then been guaranteed a spot on the November ballot. Furthermore, under the old system, with a Democratic opponent and a Republican opponent on the November ballot against her, she might have won with as little as 37% of the vote. Jesse Ventura in Minnesota in November 1998 won with only 37.0% of the vote. Almost all of the independent and minor party governors across the U.S. since World War II won with less than 50% of the vote.

Nathan Norman

May 8, 2014 at 10:16 pm

What is the new system?

Jed Ziggler

May 8, 2014 at 10:30 pm

Top two. All candidates on the ballot in an open primary, only top two advance in November. Sometimes it means voters must choose between two Republicans or two Democrats. No other option other than to stay home.

Nathan Norman

May 8, 2014 at 10:41 pm

That's bad public policy.

Antirevolutionary

May 9, 2014 at 5:17 pm

First Past The Post electoral system is by far the most disgraceful. Someone who only wins with 37% of the vote cannot be a legitimate representative because 63% voted against them. In the Top Two system, the majority of voters vote for the winner, even if they are voting for the Lesser of Two Evils. If Marianne does come in second place in June, she will face only one other candidate, probably a Democrat, in November, and that's a much better chance for victory. Marianne's supporters in an FPTP system, who would mostly prefer a Democrat over a Republican at least to some extent, would have been scared to vote for her in a November election because of vote splitting.

paulie

May 9, 2014 at 5:44 pm

At least she would have been on the ballot in a real election that can elect someone, after regular people start paying attention to political races. Now she will not be.

johnO

May 9, 2014 at 7:28 pm

Should've run with Cindy Sheehan's Peace and Freedom Party.

Nathan Norman

May 9, 2014 at 8:05 pm

I am persuaded by Antirevolutionary. On your point paulie, why is the primary not a real election?

NewFederalist

May 9, 2014 at 8:17 pm

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Voter turnout in primary elections is generally much lower than in the general election. Many people do not pay attention to candidates until a few weeks before the general (or "real") election. That is why the "Top Two" system is flawed. Nominees moving on to the general election may have very limited support but the ability to mobilize their supporters in an election (the primary election) with much smaller turnout and get to appear on the November ballot. There have been instances where the "Top Two" were from the same party in a district wherein the voter registration favors the opposite major party. The problem was the dominant party in that district had 10 candidates in the primary and the votes were so fragmented that two nominees from the opposite major party advanced to the general election. It is just a bad concept.

Nathan Norman

May 9, 2014 at 8:21 pm

Thank you New Federalist. I see your point. Would you favor top 2 if it took place between the top 2 finishers in the general election?

paulie

May 9, 2014 at 8:28 pm

Real elections elect people. No one can be elected as a result of a primary, even if they get an outright majority, so voters can rationally ignore a primary and just focus on the main event; kind of like qualifying races for the olympics, or watching reports of who gets cut from training camp. Most people pay no attention to that. So you could get twenty or thirty people running with whatever label they "prefer" which may or may not have anything with their views. Why would anyone care? Voters mainly just ignore that and

wait until the candidates who could be elected are the only ones left. The other candidates may as well not exist. Knowing that, they generally don't bother to even run in the primary. And, top two proponents have been caught admitting quite a few times that this is the actual purpose of top two, rather than whatever lies they tell to help make it sound better and get people to support this evil system.

paullie

May 9, 2014 at 8:31 pm

Runoff elections are completely different from top two. They only take place if someone does *not* win a majority in the general election. Runoff elections generally take place *after* the traditional general election date in November and are a positive reform for non-establishment candidates, unlike To Two which is designed to – and does – kill off non-establishment voices.

Nathan Norman

May 9, 2014 at 8:44 pm

Thanks. That makes good sense. Elections should be about choice. The important question to ask is does this promote choice. Can primary voters make more informed choices on average than general election voters on average?

paullie

May 9, 2014 at 8:46 pm

It's where well organized and financed groups eliminate everyone else (including non-establishment people in the big two parties) before most voters even notice that an election will be happening.

Nathan Norman

May 9, 2014 at 9:07 pm

Don't well organized, well financed groups always win elections?

paulie

May 9, 2014 at 9:15 pm

Usually, but not always. Jesse Ventura started at 7% in the polls and would have been eliminated in a top two primary, but went on to win the race for Governor, for a counter-example.

There's winning, and then there's excluding everyone else from participating. Even when alt parties and independent don't win they can participate in debates, get news coverage, push the winning candidates towards their views by contesting otherwise uncontested races and holding the balance of power in close elections, open the minds of voters to new ideas, mobilize support for the future, and so on. The Top Two system is designed to eliminate all this and is effective in doing so. It safely eliminates opposition viewpoints before voters and media start to pay any serious attention, and that is the exact purpose. Knowing this, those outside the establishment in most cases do not even try running in top two non-elections.

Nathan Norman

May 9, 2014 at 9:18 pm

Ok. You've convinced me.

paulie

May 9, 2014 at 9:35 pm

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Jed Ziggler

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I like that article. The Editorial Board of Independent Political Report has a nice ring to it.

paullie

May 9, 2014 at 9:49 pm

Yes, it does.